

# THE AUSTRALASIAN PENTECOSTAL STUDIES CENTRE

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## PENTECOSTAL CHARISMATIC CHRISTIANITY AND MIGRATION

### **Third Annual Symposium, 2019**

Over the past few decades, Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity (PCC) has proliferated extensively in the Global South and simultaneously expanded its reach in the Global North.

Networks of megachurches, the movement of community leaders across diasporic networks, migration patterns and the rise of mass and digital media, have together provided the momentum for the spread and growth of PCC's globally. While missionary activity has historically moved in a North-to-South direction, megachurches from the Global South are now moving horizontally across to other developing countries and making inroads into the Global North, thus reversing typical missionisation routes. Such attempts to missionise to locals in the Global North have been largely (though not wholly) unsuccessful, and churches have turned their focus to migrants from the Global South. Numerous studies indicate that migrants who were not attached to PCCs before migration, join PCCs in the diaspora as they offer them 'a home away from home.' Meanwhile, diasporic churches face the challenge of keeping first and second generation migrants, since there is also a desire for migrants to join local churches in an effort to integrate.

On August 2, the Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre and the Religion and Society Research cluster, Western Sydney University, will be jointly convening the third annual symposium on the study of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. This year's theme will be Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianities and Migration. We are delighted to have Assoc. Prof. Richard Vokes from the Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia, joining us as keynote speaker.

If you would like to present a paper at the upcoming symposium please prepare a 250 word abstract, including a title and short bio and email to Dr Kathleen Openshaw [K.openshaw@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:K.openshaw@westernsydney.edu.au) by April 10th, 2019.

## DONATIONS

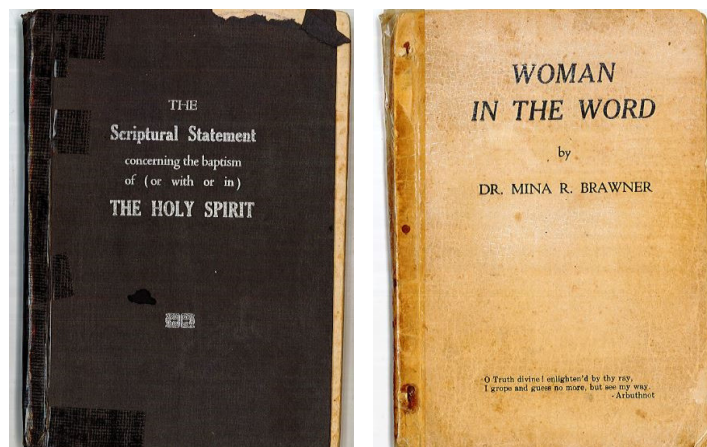
**Dr Barry Chant**...In January this year, Dr. Barry Chant (renowned historian of the Pentecostal Movement), donated the remaining parts of his research collection. In addition to the acquisition of teaching materials written by Barry and Ken Chant from Vision Christian College, and reports from Apostolic Church conferences in the UK, the following significant items were donated by Chant:

### **Bound copy of the Apostolic News: September 1929- September 1940**

This South Australian quarterly was published by the Apostolic Mission in Adelaide which later became the "Bible Standard Church" and ultimately part of the Assemblies of God. The publication changed its name to "The Bible Standard Call" in December 1937. This bound copy is a supplement to the original bound volume [September 1929- September 1940] which was donated to the APSC on 3rd May, 2018 - possibly the only surviving original version of this publication in existence.

### **Fourteen books authored by Pentecostals, including Dr. Mina Brawner's, "Woman in the Word," and John Adams' "The Scriptural Statement concerning Baptism of (or with or in) THE HOLY SPIRIT."**

An original copy, printed and published at the Good News Hall, Woman in the Word is a compilation of a series of articles written by Brawner on the public ministry of women, which were originally published in Sarah Jane Lancaster's Good News periodical.



**Dr. Mina Brawner** was one of sixteen women pioneers of Australian Pentecostalism in the first half of the 20th Century. A trained medical practitioner from the United States, Brawner operated independently of the socio-cultural norms of her day, serving and being taxed equally to her male counterparts. Accustomed to and delighting in her autonomy, Brawner was a strong advocate for the public ministry of women, which she pursued upon her arrival in Sydney in 1927. In addition to preaching regularly, Brawner exerted a managerial approach to her ministry. In 1928, Brawner established a tent campaign in Mosman, NSW, notably working alongside the men to physically pull ropes and saw boards. As a member of the Apostolic Faith Mission, she centred her preaching on the Apostolic faith, Apostolic signs and Apostolic preaching. Additionally, Brawner conducted numerous evangelistic campaigns around the country and established the Bible Standard People's Evangelistic Mission in Toowoomba in 1932. After Sarah Jane Lancaster's ministry at the Good News Hall had ceased, Brawner renamed the building, "Lighthouse Temple" unifying four congregations in Adelaide, Ballarat, Melbourne and Northcote together under the name, "Bible Standard Churches in Australia."



Photograph on inside cover of Brawner, M.R *Woman in the Word*. Melbourne: Victory Press, date unknown.

Inscribed,  
M.R. Brawner M.D. *In His Service*

**John Adams** was another significant leader in the first-half of the 20th century and testified to being healed, alongside his wife Maggie by the renowned healer, John Alexander Dowie.

Adams was an active member of Australia's first organised Pentecostal Assembly - the Good News Hall, where his manuscript *The Scriptural Statement*, was also published. Covering topics such as prophesy, promise, spiritual gifts, miracles and baptism, this original publication provides valuable insight into the theological underpinnings of early Australian Pentecostalism, as shaped by figures such as John Adams. An inscription on the inside cover reads "To Theo Hallop for his Twentieth birthday, March 1931..."





**Australian Christian Churches and Harvest Bible College** ... In addition to Barry Chant's donation, the collection has also been enriched by the recent donation of eight boxes of materials from the Australian Christian Church National Office. The eight boxes include Australian Evangelists and a large collection of VHS and cassettes with records of AOG national conference proceedings. In addition, AC Melbourne donated eight boxes of Harvest archives comprising advertising materials, class rolls, yearbooks, photographs, graduation documents and awards.

## CATALOGUING

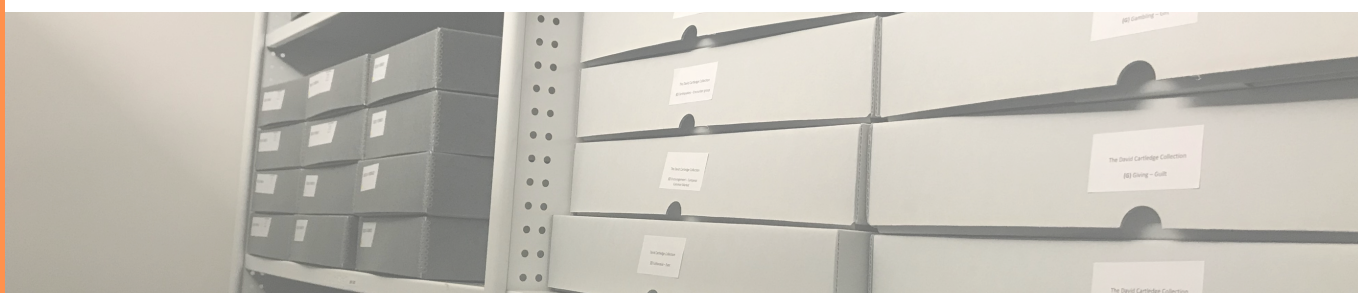
**Archive assistant, Jess Austin** has been driving the growth of our online collection by populating our catalogue with more sources for the purposes of preservation and research into Pentecostal and Charismatic studies. To date, the online catalogue hosts digital copies of all Commonwealth Bible College "Yukana" yearbooks, Australian Evangelists up to 1955, and Good News periodicals. Catalogue records are available for a broad range of other materials from the APSC, providing context on our physical holdings. When searching our online collection, try using key terms such as "Baptism", "Assemblies of God," or "Richmond Temple."

<https://ehive.com/collections/7383/australasian-pentecostal-studies-centre>



## COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANT

A **“Disaster Combo Workshop”** is being run by professional conservator, Tegan Anthes on Thursday July 4th 2019. The funds for the workshop were awarded to the Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre as part of a Community Heritage Grant Award which is administered and financed by the National Library of Australia. The workshop will address the practical and administrative aspects of disaster preparedness, providing participants effective strategies for disaster preparation, response and recovery. The first half of the workshop will provide training on the preparation of a disaster plan – an industry specific requirement and necessity for the long-term preservation of materials housed in archives and museums. Subsequently, participants will work through practical Disaster Response scenarios. A number of internal College staff will be attending the workshop to aid their professional development, and it is anticipated that, as with previous years, the training will be attended by staff from other local archives, heritage centres, libraries and museums. The Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre would like to acknowledge its gratitude to the National Library for its ongoing support of our nationally significant collection.



We welcome any interested donors to get in touch with our archivist at [apscc@ac.edu.au](mailto:apscc@ac.edu.au). Additionally, please feel free to visit the centre if you would like to see the physical collection for yourself!